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For

:VESSEL CHARTER SUPPORTING SYSTEM, SERVER AND DATABASE

THEREFOR, AND METHOD OF SUPPORTING VESSEL CHARTER

## **CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application No.2000-127934 filed April 27, 2000. The International Bureau already should have sent a certified copy of the Japanese application to the United States designated office. If the certified copy has not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

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## **DECLARATION**

- I, Hideo AKAZAWA, do solemnly and sincerely declare:
- 1. That I am well acquainted with the Japanese and English languages, and
- 2. That the attached English document is a true English translation from the original Japanese text (PCT/JP01/03567).

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and correct.

Date: December 4, 2001

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